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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Taro TAKAHASHI et al.

Serial No.: 09/490,038

Filed: January 24, 2000

For: CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID  
 OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE  
 REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING  
 METHOD THEREFOR

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Patent Art Unit: 1623

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 7 with the following amended versions:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing carboxylic acid and amino acid or amino acid condensate reactants, comprising the steps of:  
 providing first starting material, said first starting material being carboxylic acids;  
 providing second starting material, said second starting material being one of amino acids and amino acid condensates;  
 mixing said first starting material and said second starting material in a high-pressure withstanding container under an aqueous system; and